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Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Still cold, wet and miserable weather in Australia this last week but what lovely spring weather in England for a celebration 70 years in the making.



I would imagine that most readers of TGN have been working for the better part of their lives, which would probably amount to several decades, but definitely not 7 of them!

An amazing achievement for anyone but to have undertaken the same job for so long with such poise and commitment to her subjects is a dedication to duty above and beyond.

Congratulations to Queen Elizabeth on a life well lived and, as was demonstrated over 4 days last

weekend, well-loved too. Nothing like witnessing history as it happens.

Until the next issue of TGN ... **Pauline**

And Kenny Koala ... was with Ruffy legends Henry and Bill



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The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community.

We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in **The Granite News**

MUDBASH 2022 Returns!

After an hiatus of 2 years the Rover Scouts' annual celebration of mud, motorsport, fun and festivity returned to Caveat this weekend and what a celebration it was.

For its 50th birthday 600 participants, 180 registered drivers of the most amazing assortment of racing buggies, with such names as Lucifer, Coco-Roller, Ludwig 4, Spare Parts, Rapid Pulse and WildCat to name a few, descended on Mafeking Park on Friday night!

As the annual fundraiser for the Highlands-Caveat RFB (wood sales and gate donations) it was a most welcome return to the calendar. Many thanks to the following wonderful locals who gave their time over the weekend to rattle a bucket or deliver some firewood - Ron, Gaylene, John, Isabel, Sam, Melissa, Peter, Lynn, Andrew, Michael, Heather, Marcus, Jim, Tim, Jack, Gayle, Bill, Carolyn, Ernesto, Lou, James, Alex and David. Well done team!



"Australia does deserve national pride... we are right to instil national pride in our children, but please let's make our national pride encompass humanity."

John Farnham

(Part of his acceptance speech when awarded the 1988 Australian of the Year Award)

Let's laugh



Word of the Week

Spuddle

from the 17th Century

to work ineffectively; to be extremely busy while achieving absolutely nothing.

Community Notices

WHAT'S ON — June & July 2022 NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events

Thursday 16th June @ 7pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING at Terip Terip The next meeting will commence at 7pm. All welcome. Enquiries? - Justus 0427 524473
 Saturday 18th June @ 12 -2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
Sunday 19th June	Last Granite News before 2 week break
 Sunday 26th June @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meeting at Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquires: Andrew Shaw 04372 49038 or Robyn Lingard 0409 528235
Thursday 30th June @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
 Friday 1st July from 6pm	First Friday of the month BBQ at Tablelands Community Centre Fire pit going, inside heated, Oven food or BBQ for Winter depending on weather. Enquires: 0404 833 388 or tccruffy@gmail.com
Saturday 2nd July from 6pm	STAR GAZING NIGHT at Terip Rec Reserve All welcome for this excellent evening and to assist with Terip CFA's Fundraising. See p.4 for details.
 Friday 8th July @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall Starts at 6.30pm bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882
Sunday 10th July	First Granite News after 2 week break
 Monday 11th July @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2022 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be in Highlands on June 29th and July 13th & 27th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	ONE TO ONE WELL-BEING CENTRE EUROPEAN at Tablelands Community Centre Qigong classes, Shiatsu Massage <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: white; font-weight: bold;">In recess till August</div> For further info contact Vivien 5795 3349 or 0405 612400

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Due to the annual Customer Service & Library Staff Meeting on Wednesday 15th June, NO Mobile Library to visit to Highlands on that day



However the Murrindindi Library Book Butler Service (that was in place during 2020 and 2021) will be reinstated for the day. If any users would like a carefully curated selection of reads to be 'home delivered' late Wednesday afternoon please ring **5772 0333** and choose Library and then #1 to place your request/order. **NB: Public Holiday closure on Monday, so ring on Tuesday 14/6 to place your request.**

DON'T FORGET....

Next week's issue of The Granite News - **Sunday 19th June** - will be the last one for a couple of weeks, as TGN takes it's traditional break. Plan ahead for any articles, events and dates for inclusion next week and also for the next issue after the 2 week break - **Sunday 10th July.**

Letter to the Editor

Moral Injury

When you have been suffering from some malady and go to the doctor, it is often a great relief when s/he gives a name to your illness. Thanks to an article in last week's Saturday Paper, I now have a name for something I have been suffering from for a long time and most acutely over the last decade or so. It is called 'Moral Injury'.

'Moral injury is present when there has been a betrayal of 'what's right' either by a person in legitimate authority or by oneself in a high stakes situation. We can experience moral injury by simply being part of a society or organization that behaves unjustly or by being subject to corrupt, unethical or immoral leadership' (Paul Bower. *That Feeling You Have What is called Moral Injury TSP June 4-10*).

It occurs when you observe the problems and troubles of the world about you and you feel angry and helpless to do anything about them. It is particularly acute when governments and other institutions refuse to face up to real and obvious crises and situations of deep injustice. The injury is intensified when there has been deception and cover up. It can include feelings of anger, shame, guilt and despair even if you are not personally involved or responsible for the situation of injustice.

Over the last decade, I have survived only because I was taking a maximum daily dose of 'hope tablets'. They have helped control my anger, but the side effects have often led to feelings of despair. Since the election, I have reduced the dose and feel much better, but I hope to reduce them further, given the cost of living and the fact that they are not on the PBS. What are your moral injuries?

Stuart Reid - Highlands

More Mudbash Pics - Introducing the next gen to the CFA & using 21stC technology!



It's getting closer... and now for some essential details

Ruffy Xmas Dinner in July Saturday 30th July

Join us in the Ruffy Hall for a magnificent home cooked Xmas dinner. All proceeds to the Ruffy Hall Restoration Project.

\$45 per person for a 3 course, home cooked, traditional Xmas dinner with all the trimmings.

This includes a complimentary pre dinner drink. The evening will include an Art Auction featuring the work of local artists as a fundraiser for the Hall. **BYO drinks**

Bookings are essential. Telephone Bill or Henry or email j.eddy29@bigpond.com
Bill 5790 4264 Henry 5790 4246



Grassland Society of Southern Victoria—63rd Annual Conference 12-14 July 2022

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the GSSA 63rd Annual conference, taking place from 12 - 14 July at Lardner Park, Victoria.

We cannot wait for this opportunity to reconnect in person together after holding virtual conferences for the past two years. The two-day program promises to deliver a range of informative speakers, and the acclaimed 'Bus Tour' which is always a highlight of the conference. Plenty of networking opportunities will also be available including the Welcome Reception, Conference Breakfasts and Conference Dinner.

Review the [program overview](#) and stay tuned for the full program in the coming weeks

[Register online](#) - a number of registration options are available to suit your needs

Accommodation near Lardner Park may fill quickly - [view options](#) nearby and secure your accommodation today.



Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you at Lardner Park.

Check out the website for all the information [Registration \(grasslands.org.au\)](https://grasslands.org.au)

Terip Terip CFA And Rec Reserve Committee

Star Gazing Night

Saturday, 2 July from 6:00 pm

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RSVP by 28 June to Jenny 5790 4095 or [facebook/teripteripcommunity](https://facebook.com/teripteripcommunity)

Darren Gilbert Open Studio at the Yea Butter Factory

A unique art studio experience at the historic Yea Butter Factory, 13 Rattray St, Yea

Studio will be OPEN on - 2nd Saturday July (9/7/22) 3rd Sunday July (17/7/22) 10am to 4pm each day.

Collaborative research finds fencing farm dams halves methane emissions

Farm dams are an ever-present feature in any rural landscape in Australia and worldwide, but they often emit high amounts of greenhouse gases. However, new research shows that simply fencing and enhancing a dam can halve methane emissions.

In their latest research, published in the **prestigious journal *Global Change Biology***, Deakin's Blue Carbon Lab collaborated with the Sustainable Farms team at The Australian National University.

Dr Ben Scheele, researcher at Sustainable Farms, said: "Our team has been investigating how farm dam management can be enhanced – in particular, through livestock exclusion and vegetating around dams – to improve water quality for livestock consumption, provide habitat for wildlife and provide more reliable water during droughts.

"The discovery that the same management practices that improve water quality and help wildlife also decrease greenhouse gas emissions is exciting, and highlights the co-benefits associated with adapting sustainable management practices on farms," Dr Scheele said.

In 2018 an unexpected discovery by Deakin's Blue Carbon Lab team found that farm dams emit significantly more greenhouse gases than lakes, reservoirs, and many natural freshwater systems. Since then, Dr Martino Malerba from the Blue Carbon Lab has focused on investigating how these emissions – and thus the overall carbon footprint of farms – can be reduced through very simple management actions.

"Our research spanned four hundred kilometres across south-eastern Australia," said Dr Malerba. "We compared thirty-three unfenced farms with thirty-one fenced farm dams – sites that are part of the Sustainable Farms research program – and found the fenced dams produced fifty-six per cent less methane than unfenced.

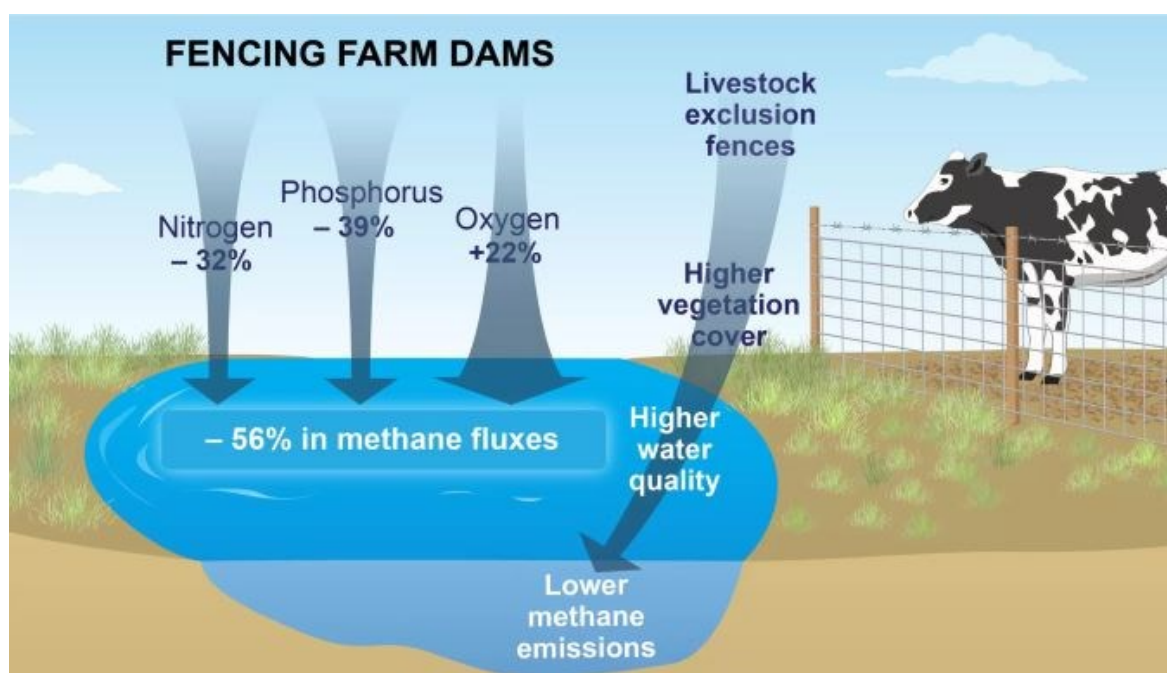
"This is a huge difference and clearly shows that very simple management actions can drastically improve the dam water quality as well as decrease methane emissions, contributing to more productive and sustainable farming."

Fenced farm dams recorded thirty-two per cent less dissolved nitrogen, thirty-nine per cent less dissolved phosphorus, twenty-two per cent more dissolved oxygen, and produced fifty-six per cent less diffusive methane emissions than unfenced dams.

Surprisingly, this study also found that farm dams with high dissolved oxygen can stop emitting methane and instead start *absorbing* greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. This means improving the condition of farm dams could mean that instead of emitting greenhouse gases, they could instead become sinks – drawing down greenhouse gases and helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

"These findings really should provide policymakers with the evidence needed to support dam enhancement," said Dr Malerba. "With the frequency of empty farm dams increasing two-to-five-fold since 1965, farmers are really doing it tough. "We are working with the Clean Energy Regulator so that managing farm dams for avoided emissions could allow farmers to access financial incentives through carbon credits from the Emission Reduction Fund."

From Sustainable Farms newsletter 27/5/22 – an initiative of the Australian National University.



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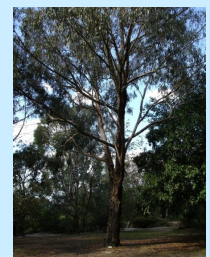
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